

GRAND CONVOCATION – SAN DIEGO

July 2nd -6th

“HYE TIMES” WILL BE GREAT IN 2008!!

You are cordially invited to join us at the Manchester Grand Hyatt, one of San Diego's finest hotels, for the 2008 Grand Convocation. It is located 5 minutes from SD International Airport and is on San Diego Bay, with Seaport Village and other shopping and restaurants within walking distance. The special rate of \$159/night for double-occupancy is truly a bargain for this five-star hotel! We encourage you to make your reservations now by calling (800)233-1234 and mentioning Knights of Vartan to receive our group rate before rooms sell out. Rooms have been blocked for July 2-6, but we invite you to come early or extend your stay to enjoy San Diego a little longer.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2ND

SAN DIEGO ZOO EXCURSION 10:00AM TO 6:00PM

Visit the “World Famous” San Diego Zoo. Shuttles will run throughout the day so you can enjoy the zoo for as much or as little as you would like. Take advantage of the Guided Bus Tour, Express Bus, and Skyfari Aerial Tram.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2ND

AVAK SBARABED & AVAK DIROUHIE COCKTAIL & DESSERT RECEPTION 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

A great chance for members and spouses to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones.

THURSDAY, JULY 3RD

USS MIDWAY MUSEUM TOUR 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Live the adventure, honor the legend aboard the longest-serving aircraft carrier in U.S. Navy history--a 47 year odyssey that spanned the end of WWII and the liberation of Kuwait in 1991! Located downtown in San Diego at Navy Pier, Midway provides a dynamic and enriching experience "from boiler to bridge." A visit to Midway instills a greater appreciation for courage, freedom, and service to country.

THURSDAY, JULY 3RD

BIG BAY DINNER CRUISE 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM

Would you like to see the best views of San Diego? Join us on our private chartered ship that will pick us up at the Marina next to our hotel. As you embark, you will be greeted with champagne so we can toast the Knights and Daughters of Vartan! A delicious buffet dinner will be served and “Magic Mike” will entertain us as we cruise around San Diego Bay. Get the entire family ready to see fireworks galore!

FRIDAY, JULY 4TH

FREEDOM BANQUET & DINNERDANCE COCKTAILS 5:30 PM, DINNER 7:00 PM

Featuring John Bilezikjian, “America’s Oud Virtuoso,” and his Band. Enjoy an amazing dinner and dance the night away until it is time to see the fireworks displays. We will be able to see three fireworks shows from ballroom’s terrace and then return to the ballroom to continue the celebration! All ages will enjoy this event!

SATURDAY, JULY 5TH

GRAND BANQUET, RANDALL BALLROOM COCKTAILS 6:00 PM, DINNER 7:00 PM

A Gala Event in Celebration of the 2008-2009 Grand Councils and Man of the Year 2008. Black Tie Optional.

SUNDAY, JULY 6TH 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

We invite you to attend services at St. John Garabed Armenian Church. It is San Diego’s only Armenian Church – established more than 30 years ago and is located just 10 minutes from the hotel. Anyone who would like to attend can sign up for a ride from a Gomidas or Talar member.

***Convocation Registration Forms and Additional Information are posted on
www.knightsofvartan.org.***